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SUBJ: ECOSOC COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: US PROPOSAL

FOR CREATION OF STUDY GROUP

REF: GENEVA 577

- 1. THE DELEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS TODAY ADVISED US THAT AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE HAGUE THEY HAVE DECIDED TO RETURN TO SUPPORT OF THE DRAFT AS TRANSMITTED IN GENEVA 509 WITH SOME MINOR CHANGES. THE TEXT, WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE THE FINAL TEXT, AND WHICH WE HOPE TO SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARIAT ON MONDAY FOLLOWS AS THE LAST PARAGRAPH.
- 2. THE NEW PARA 4 IS AT THE REQUEST OF THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION WHICH HAS SO FAR BEEN THE MOST DIFFICULT TO BRING ON BOARD. THEY WILL SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION WITH THE ADDITION OF PARA 4 BUT WILL NOT CO-SPONSOR.
- 3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT ANY FURTHER MINOR CHANGES WHICH DO NOT AFFECT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION WITHOUT PRIOR REFERRAL TO THE DEPARTMENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS UNDER ITEM 14, UNDER WHICH WE PLAN TO TABLE THIS RESOLUTION, IS NOON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2. WE WISH, HOWEVER, TO HAVE IN HAND DEPT AUTHORIZATION ON MONDAY, JANUARY 31 IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SIGNATURES OF COSPONSORS AND AVOID LAST MINUTE DIFFICULTIES.

4. BEGIN TEXT

THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RECALLING RESOLUTION 1139 (XLI) OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL WHICH ADOPTED THE PRESENT MANDATE AND PRESENT DESIGNATION OF THE COMMISSION:

BEARING IN MIND THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UN SYSTEM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ----- IS CONSIDERING VARIOUS PROPOSALS RELATING, INTER ALIA, TO THE INSTITUTIONAL AND STRUCTURAL MACHINERY FOR DEALING WITH SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS:

DESIRING TO INSURE THAT THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS IS ACCORDED, ON A CONTINUING BASIS, THE HIGH PRIORITY IT DESERVES CONSIDERING THE GRAVITY AND URGENCY OF THE PROBLEMS IN THIS SECTOR;

- 1. RECOMMENDS THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD APPOINT A SMALL WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF EXPERTS FROM STATES MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT, INTER ALIA, WITH REGARD TO:
- (A) THE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- (B) THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING UNITED NATIONS COORDINATION MACHINERY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH ACTIVITIES;
- (C) AND THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INPUT IN THE PREPARATION OF A NEW DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.
- 2. RECOMMENDS FURTHER THAT THE WORKING GROUP BE APPOINTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD SUBMIT THE FINDINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMENTS AND THAT THE REPORT, ALONG WITH THESE COMMENTS, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE RESUMED 63RD SESSION OF ECOSOC AND TO THE 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
- 3. RECOMMENDS FURTHER THAT ECOSOC CONSIDER DESIGNATING THIS REPORT AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE 1979 COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND APPRAISAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY OF THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT

DECADE.

4. RECOMMENDS THAT THE 26TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT GIVE THE FINDINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP PRIORITY CONSIDERATION IN THE COMMISSION'S AGENDA. END TEXT.CATTO

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